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CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA.

> Tuesday, October 2, 2007 9:00 a.m.

The Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was held via video teleconference (VTC): Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, the Southern Region Office, VTC Room, 2700 M Street, Bakersfield and the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto. The CAC Meeting was webcast.

- <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>—The Chair, Dennis Tristao, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- ROLL CALL—was taken and a quorum was present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Ryan Jacobsen/IAIG (A)*	Central
	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (P)*	Central
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG (P)	Central
	Rico Aguayo/CIG (P)	Central
Kern	Dana Karcher/EIG (P)	Southern
	Brent Green/CIG (A)	Southern
Kings	Kelly Deming/EIG (P)	Central
	Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
Madera	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Northern
Merced	Charles Dodson/IAIG (P)	Northern
	Jack Mobley/IAIG (A)	Northern
	Mary-Michal Rawling/EIG (P)	Central
	Dean Wilson/CIG (P)	Northern
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (A)	Northern
	Randall Blank/CIG (A)	Northern
Stanislaus	Chris Savage/IAIG (P)*	Northern
Tulare	David Harrald/IAIG (P)	Central
	Gary Rohman/IAIG (A)	Central
	Christine Foster/EIG (P)*	Central
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(P)=Primary, (A)=Alternate, IAIG=Industry/Ag Interest Group, EIG=Environmental Interest Group, CIG-City Interest Group

^{*} Arrived during Item 4

<u>Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno)</u>—Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Dave Warner, Director of Permit Services; George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer; Janelle Schneider, Air Quality Education Representative; Angie DeSantiago, Operations Support Supervisor; and Toni Taber, Clerk to the Boards

<u>Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)</u>—Dottie Schoffner, Senior Office Assistant

<u>Staff present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)</u>—Emily Gonzales-Demont, Administrative Analyst II

- 3. <u>APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007</u>—The Minutes for September 4, 2007 were approved as submitted.
- 4. <u>Public Comments</u>—Mary Darling stated she recently received a public notice mailing regarding expansion of a nearby facility. She requested a 30-day extension of the comment period to increase opportunity for public input.

Tate Hill, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development, stated the Project is C-1070484, and the Public Notice was dated September 5, 2007. He requested a 30-day extension of the comment period to give the community a voice.

Keith Kelley, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development, referred to the same project as the previous commenters, and requested a 30 day extension in the public comment period.

Rick McVaigh noted the notices sent to the public were not required by law, but the District wants to keep people informed. He requested Dave Warner come to meet with the public who were present. Mr. Warner spoke with the public members privately.

- 5. <u>CHAIR COMMENTS</u>—The Chair noted the first meeting in 2008 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, due to the New Year's Day holiday. He also noted his Chairmanship ends on January 31, 2008, and the next Chair will come from the Environmental Interest Group.
- 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS—Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO, gave the updates. He noted ARB adopted the State's strategies for the District's Ozone Plan and forwarded it to EPA. The measures under District Control in the Ozone Plan should go to EPA in November. Mr. McVaigh stated the District wants the State to take a closer look at air transport from other areas. He noted the District's Annual Symposium is on October 3-4, and the focus is on the Fast Track to Attainment, including goods movement

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and self-help measures. Mr. McVaigh informed the CAC that ARB has a meeting on October 10 to discuss disbursement of Proposition 1B funds, which are slated to reduce the air quality impacts of goods movement. Mr. McVaigh noted the Governing Board meeting was moved to October 25, 2007.

Dean Wilson asked if the District had a measurement of the amount of pollution in the Valley that comes from the Bay Area. Mr. McVaigh stated the current measurement is 30% of Bay Area pollution in the Northern Valley, dropping to 6% in the Southern part of the Valley. He noted the facts have changed since those numbers were estimated, and the District would like it studied further. Mr. Wilson asked how the CAC and members of the public could write to the legislature to encourage mobile source restrictions. Mr. McVaigh said District staff will follow up.

Randall Blank asked if Rules are adopted as is. George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, stated there are sometimes minor changes. Staff posts the final versions of the Rules as soon as possible.

Mary-Michal Rawling requested a presentation on air transport for the next CAC meeting.

Chris Dodsen asked about the Boiler Rule timeframe. Mr. Heinen stated it is in the development for the next year.

Rico Aguayo asked that the Annual Symposium documents be posted to the District's website.

David Harrald stated the District should look at alternative methods of brush removal rather than controlled burns. Mr. Heinen stated he would look at the feasibility of alternative methods and report back in 3 months.

Gary Rohman would like to see the District educate Valley residents and businesses on the SOON Program. Mr. McVaigh started the District plans on doing that, but first must raise funds, and hold some public workshops.

7. <u>UPDATE: FAST TRACK TO ATTAINMENT</u>—Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO, stated the District has three proposals to pursue as part of Fast Track: putting pressure on EPA and ARB regarding more stringent mobile source regulations, obtaining incentives, and pursuing innovative Fast Track measures. The District has worked with ARB to add the SOON program which will reduce NOX by 4 tons per day.. The District has also been able to persuade ARB to move timelines forward on truck emissions reductions from 2020 to 2017. The incentive funding focus has been on Proposition 1B funds.

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Mr. McVaigh stated innovative Fast Track measures have the potential to make big dents in air pollution, but were not ready to be included in the legal state Ozone Plan. These measures will be discussed in detail during the Annual Symposium on October 3-4 in Visalia.

8. <u>UPDATE: PROPOSED PM2.5 PLAN</u>—Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO, presented the report. He stated there is a workshop for PM2.5 tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2007. The Draft PM2.5 Plan should be available on October 31.

Mary-Michal Rawling asked if there would be more than one workshop, and if the report would go to the Board in January. Mr. McVaigh replied that it is unknown if there will be a second round of workshops, and that February would be the soonest month the Plan would be submitted to the Board.

Kevin Hamilton stated he felt there should be more than one workshop. He asked if the District can achieve the PM2.5 standard by 2015. Mr. McVaigh stated the District believes it can reach attainment by 2015.

- 9. <u>CAC APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP</u>
 (EJAG)—The interest groups named the following members to the EJAG:
 - City Interest Group: Amarpreet Dhaliwal
 - Industry/Agriculture Interest Group: Ryan Jacobsen
 - Environmental Interest Group: Perfecto Muñoz

Rick stated the District will contact Environmental Justice groups and obtain interest from them on membership on the EJAG.

10. <u>Rules Under Development</u>—George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, presented the report. He noted four rules were passed at the last Governing Board meeting. Mr. Heinen stated the Summary of Draft Rules and Plans, under Rule 4703, it should read "Estimated NOx emissions reductions is 800 tons/year" not "Estimated VOC."

Dean Wilson suggested instead of having large Rule packets mailed to people, there could be a postcard notification with the URL directing people where to go. Mr. Heinen responded that there is an email notification list people can subscribe to and receive notification via email with the link to the Rule. Mr. Wilson suggested sending letters out to everyone receiving the packets. The Clerk responded that the Operations and Program Support staff are currently working on letters to subscribers for the same purpose.

11. <u>Public Education Report</u>— Janelle Schneider, Air Quality Education Representative stated the District's Annual Symposium is being held on October 3-4 in Visalia. She stated entries for the Kid's Calendar are due by October 15, 2007. Ms. Schneider stated in 2007, there were a total of six

Spare the Air declarations in the Valley compared to 23 in 2006, 18 in 2005, 27 in 2004, and 41 in 2003. She added that the Check Before You Burn program begins on November 1, 2007. The District is also planning another wood burning stove change-out program for February, but has no details at this time.

David Harrald asked if the forest fires were related to Spare the Air. Mr. McVaigh stated there was a day of high ozone, but not an exceedence of the ozone standard, that the District believes was related to the fires.

12. <u>ARB COMMENTS</u>—Jeff Lindberg, ARB Representative, presented the report. He stated there are upcoming workshops in October regarding on-road heavy duty trucks. He noted all workshops are on the ARB website.

Kevin Hamilton asked what the status of the school bus replacement is. Mr. Lindberg stated that he did not have that information and would have to follow up. Mr. Hamilton stated that ARB should prepare a chart comparing the Districts. Mr. Lindberg stated he would take that back to ARB.

13. CAC Member Comments and CAC Suggestions to be Included in the Presentation of the CAC Report During the Governing Board Meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2007—Mary-Michal Rawling wanted to know if the District has received any feedback regarding the webcast. Chris Savage requested a report on CEQA.

David Harrald suggested the wildfire information be included in the report to the Governing Board. The Chair added that the EJAG appointments should be included.

- 14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT CAC REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M.— Dennis Tristao, the Chair, volunteered to present the report.
- 15. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>—The next CAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Meeting to be held via video teleconference (VTC) with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto), and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.